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FOIA Tracking Number: 19-10732-F

Dear Mr. Craven:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated August 14, 2019, seeking all emails between Bob Carey (Bob.Carey@Empire-Capitol.com) and the following government staffer between Jan. 1, 2019 and present day and Scott Blackburn. Keywords should include, but are not limited to, "partnership" "accountability," "choice," "congress," "CVA," "White House," "Jennifer," "caregiver," "comments," and "mission, "from the Office of Information and Technology (OI&T)."

Your request was received by the FOIA Service on August 15, 2019, and assigned FOIA Tracking Number 19-10732-F. Please reference this number when communicating with the OI&T office concerning your request.

The VACO FOIA Service Office contacted the Office Automation/E-Messaging Services, and User Operations, OI&T, Operations & Services (ITOPS) to conduct a search for emails that included keywords between Bob Carey and Scott Blackburn. The search concluded no responsive records.

You have the right to appeal this no records response within 90 days of the date of this communication, if you do not agree with this determination. You may appeal in writing to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
General Counsel (024)
810 Vermont Avenue
Washington, DC 20420

You may also submit your appeal via facsimile to (202) 273-6388 or via email to ogcfoiaappeals@va.gov. If you do appeal this determination, you must specify which part of the determination you are appealing. Please include a copy of your request and my letter with your appeal, and clearly state why you disagree with this determination. If you mail your appeal, both the front of the envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "FOIA Appeal". Please also include a daytime telephone number in case the Office of General Counsel needs additional information.

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As an alternative to submitting an appeal, you may contact the VA FOIA Public Liaison, which was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and the VA. Using the VA FOIA Public Liaison does not affect your right to appeal.

You may contact the VA FOIA Public Liaison at:

Department of Veterans Affairs
VA FOIA Public Liaison (005R1C)
810 Vermont Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20420
Email: vacofoiaservice@va.gov
Telephone: (877) 750-3642
Facsimile: (202) 632-7581

You also have the option, as an alternative to submitting an appeal, to contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) whom was created to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies. Using OGIS does not affect your right to appeal. You may contact OGIS in any of the following manners:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives & Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road
College Park, MD 20740-6001
Email: ogis@nara.gov
Phone: (202) 741-5770
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448
Facsimile: (202) 741-5769

This concludes the FOIA Service's response to your request.

We appreciate your interest in the Department of Veterans Affairs. If you have any questions concerning this letter, you may contact Barbara Brown of my staff at (202) 632-7382.

Sincerely,



Ms. Doloras Johnson
Director, VACO FOIA Service
Quality, Performance, and Risk (QPR)
Office of Information and Technology (OIT)